PUBLIC HEARING
June 10, 1988

A public hearing was held Friday, June 10, 1988 at 7:00 P.M. in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: B. B. Holt, H. A. Leet, L. C. Life and R. L. Snow. R. E. Davis and H. W. Leap were absent. Norma Leap, Clerk and Gerald Monger, Superintendent were also present.

Mayor Dean stated that the purpose of the hearing was to give citizens the opportunity to express their views on the proposed 1988-89 Budget.

Mr. Joseph R. Correa was present and spoke in favor of pay increases for the town employees. He feels the salaries are not where they should be. He pointed out that he had not spoken with anyone employed by the town, but from what he has heard salaries are too low. He feels the starting salary for a police officer is not enough due to the danger involved in their profession. Mr. Correa stated he realizes we cannot compete with larger localities but feels if we would do some increasing we might encourage our officiers to remain with the town for a longer period.

Councilman Holt stated that council is in agreement with Mr. Correa and the proposed budget does include a cost of living increase plus a 1 to 2% incentive increase. He pointed out that our salaries compare quite favorably with the other towns in the county and surrounding areas but council realizes they can't compete with the City of Harrisonburg and the County of Rockingham. Council realizes there are some problems and are doing the best they can to improve the salary scale.

As there were no other citizens present, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR: Charles E. Dean
Charles E. Dean, Mayor

RECORDER: Norma R. Leap
Norma R. Leap, Clerk